Report of Work by Program Committee: April 16, 2013 – November 8, 2013

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Data for Meetings from 2009–2013 (with 2006-2008 included for comparison)

	2006 (DC)	2007 (San Diego)	2008 (Boston)	**2009 (New Orleans)**	**2010 (Atlanta)**	**2011 (San Francisco)**	**2012 (Chicago)**	**2013 (Baltimore)**
Number of Papers	203	229	285	248	354	420	463	474
Number of Sessions	44	52	54	53	59	80	90	89
Number of Registrants	600	548	740	601	686	816	921	865 (on 11/7/13)

2013 Academic Program

In addition to hosting the largest number of presentations to date, we have implemented the following new or significantly revised features:

• Further Improvements to the Program Book (which was redesigned last year) include, hiring of a professional copyeditor and proofreader to make the presentation of the information and research cleaner; acquiring an ISBN to ensure its permanence in library catalogs and enhance its status as a publication of ASOR; arranging for post-meeting distribution to facilitate the broader circulation of the new research presented at the Annual Meeting.

• New Numbering of Sessions: A new numbering system will help distinguish individual sessions: each session block now bears a unique number (there are 4 session blocks per day: Thursday features session blocks 1–4, Friday, 5–8, and Saturday, 9–12), and individual sessions within each block are assigned letters A–H (i.e. sessions on Thursday morning from 8:20–10:25 are numbered 1A-H; those from 10:40–12:45 are 2A–H).

• Session Chairs' Breakfast will be held for the second year in 2013; this event is graciously funded by ASOR through the approval of the Executive Director and designed to communicate important information to Session Chairs about logistics, encourage their cooperation with important policies and procedures, acknowledge their efforts in support of the program, and solicit input on various issues.

2014 Academic Program

The complete 2014 Call for papers has been posted to the ASOR Annual Meeting website since mid-October 2013. The first deadline in the cycle is for new Member-Organized Sessions and Workshop Sessions, which are due on December 15, 2013. Approved new Member-Organized Sessions and Workshop Sessions will be posted to the "Approved Sessions" portion of the Call by early January 2014, and the online Abstract Submission System will be open to receive submissions then as well. The final deadline for abstract submissions is February 15, 2013; paper acceptances will be sent by the main office by April 15, 2013.

Plenary Session
On Sept. 17, 2013, the PC submitted to the CCC a recommendation for the topic(s) and speakers for the 2014 Plenary Session to be delivered in San Diego.

Leadership of Committee
As of Dec. 31, 2013, the current Co-Chairs will end their term of service. The current chairs have been working with Sharon Herbert to identify a new Chair of the PC. In accordance with the PC Guidelines, one of the current Co-Chairs will remain on the PC if the new Chair so desires.

Upcoming Work
We will be engaged with the following projects in the upcoming months:

• Receiving and reviewing new Member-Organized Sessions Proposals and New Workshop Session Proposals (due Dec. 15, 2013).

• Ensuring Chairs for ASOR-Sponsored Sessions: We will be working with the Manager of Programs and Events to ensure that all sessions listed on the Call for Papers have session chairs.

• Transitioning to New Leadership of PC: We will be working closely with the new Chair(s) of the PC to ensure a smooth transition.